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Akihiro TANOUYE et al.

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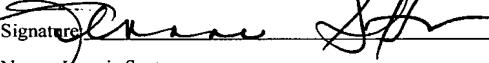
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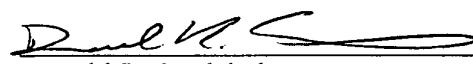
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2003, Applicants provide the following election.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-5, drawn to an apparatus.

Should the Examiner believe a conference would be of benefit in expediting the prosecution of the instant application, he is hereby invited to telephone counsel to arrange such a conference.

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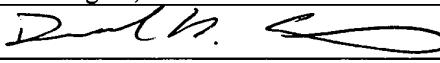
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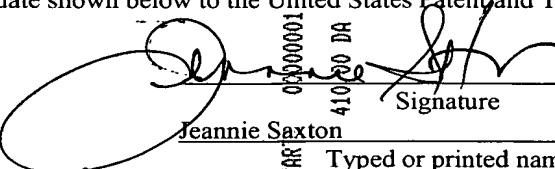
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